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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear [redacted]

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I am writing you as the CIA representative in [redacted] absence on the 10/5 Panel. I hope that the recent reorganization has not affected this, but if so, I will appreciate it if you could merely pass this letter along to the right person.

You may remember that on May 8, 1952, a briefing was given to the PSB on its broad responsibilities under NSC 10/5 and, more particularly, in relation to the "Packet", which was submitted to PSB by CIA on March 20, 1952. This briefing, among other things, recommended that the Board approve the "Packet", subject to a further more detailed review by the PSB. This recommendation was, in effect, carried out by the three Board members in a document dated June 12, 1952. Although it was not actually specified when the further review should be completed, it was the intention at the time to reach a final decision in at least ninety days, and less, if possible.

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During the past two months the 10/5 Panel, plus other representatives of the State Department, have held a number of meetings at which briefings were given, mainly by [redacted] but also by certain other CIA representatives. These briefings, generally, followed the subject matter of the "Packet" and, consequently, provided a survey of all the programs and projects described in the "Packet". Detailed study, however, of particular programs and projects was not and has not yet been undertaken because it has been the understanding of the Panel

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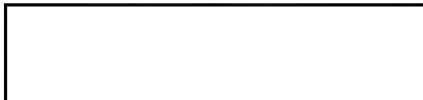
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that a thorough review of all programs and projects being carried on during this period by CIA might result in substantial modifications of the original "Packet". Consequently, with the agreement of [redacted] the Panel took the position that the original "Packet", in effect, had been withdrawn and a new "Packet" containing the results of the CIA review would be substituted for it. Such new "Packet" has not yet been presented so that the Panel, at the moment, has nothing before it on which to act.

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In view of the briefing given to PSB, I feel, as Chairman of the 10/5 Panel, that I should write you as I have in order to keep the record up to date.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know whether or not I have correctly stated your understanding, and also, if possible, when the new "Packet" will be presented. If you agree with my statement, I plan to advise the other Panel members in order to avoid any misunderstanding regarding the present status of this matter.

Best regards,

/s/



Deputy Director

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